



Hello. According to the Rutherford Health Department, as of 3:00 pm today, the total number of COVID-19 positive cases reported in Rutherford since March 18th is 195.

The residents who have recently reported positive range in age from 25 to 88 years old. The situation continues to be closely monitored by our Health Department. Our first responders continue to take all possible precautions when assisting our community.

For families who are currently food insecure, the Meadowlands YMCA will be holding another Emergency Drive Thru Food Box Distribution on June 2nd from 11:00 am until supplies last. The Meadowlands YMCA is located at 390 Murray Hill Parkway, East Rutherford. This service is provided by the Meadowlands Family Success Center and Meadowlands YMCA, in cooperation with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Each family is allowed one box and cars will line up and be loaded by staff. Please allow room in your car for the box. Since this is on a first come, first served basis, there is no registration required. Please note although the start time is 11am, if the traffic becomes too heavy, the distribution will start earlier.

We would like to address a topic important to every community in the country right now. No American community can claim a flawless history without racial injustice and sadly there are well documented cases of segregation even during the lifetimes of some of Rutherford's most revered older residents. It would be historically inaccurate to deny there once was a racial division endured by generations in our town. Rutherford does, however, have a history of taking every opportunity, all steps big and small, to steer the community towards a better place to live and work for minorities. Since the 1964 inception of the Rutherford Civil Rights Commission and before, leaders in our community have proudly sought to integrate Rutherford peacefully, thoughtfully and proactively. Our history is not perfect, but our future can be better.

The Rutherford Governing Body remembers George Floyd and his family. What happened to Mr. Floyd is unacceptable and has no place in a civilized world. In the past few days, we have received a surge of requests from young Rutherford residents seeking confirmation that our community stands for justice and equality. We are proud of these young people and encourage their peaceful activism. It gives us hope that the next generation will proudly carry the torch toward a better future.

We'd like to thank our residents, businesses and the entire community for enduring all the challenges we are facing right now in a safe and peaceful manner. We see you, we hear you and we are all in this together.

Sincerely,
Councilman Ray Guzman